

**GREEN RIVER BRIDGE  
East Valley Highway Connection**

The replacement of the 2-lane Green River Bridge, a drainage trestle bridge and widening of .6 miles of 83rd Avenue South between Kent (South 268 Street) and Auburn (South 277 Street) completes the reconstruction of the East Valley Highway in the Green River Valley.

The reconstruction project brings the road and bridges up to urban arterial standards. Started in 1989 the replacement of 2 bridges and road widening to four lanes (63.5 feet), curb, gutter, and two sidewalks (6.5 feet each) accommodates growing vehicular traffic demands estimated to exceed 22,000 cars per day by the year 2010.

The former Green River Bridge carrying the East Valley Highway across the River was built in 1934. It was a steel Pratt truss with concrete piers. It included a 204 foot central span and two approach spans for a total length of 409 feet. Built by the Washington State Department of Highways as part of State Road No. 5, it was 24 feet wide, and built for \$44,227.82.

The new structure will be three spans totalling 250 feet which will be built on the alignment of the original bridge.

A temporary detour bridge 31.5 feet wide allowing for 2 driving lanes accommodated the existing high volume of traffic which exceeded 17,000 vehicles per day. The detour span was removed once the new bridge was completed.

Immediately south was a timber structure also built in 1934. It crossed a drainage ditch which also acted as a cattle crossing. During construction the timber structure was removed and replaced with a new bridge with 4 driving lanes and 2 sidewalks.

Today the completed project including the 2 bridges and roadways represents an important link in the transportation network of the Green River Valley.

**Contractor  
Donald B. Murphy Contractors, Inc.**

**John Carty                      President**

**Bridge Design Engineering  
Skilling, Ward, Magnusson, & Barkshire, Inc.**

**Raymon Upsahl                      Vice President  
   Project Manager  
Mm. D. Ward                      Executive Vice Principal**

**DEDICATION**

**11:00 A.M.**

**WELCOME**

**TIM HILL  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**REMARKS**

**The Bridge in the Community**

**Dan Kelleher  
Mayor  
City of Kent**

**An Important Transportation Link**

**Mark McKay  
President  
Kent Chamber  
of Commerce**

**The Bridge serving the Auburn Community**

**Bob Roegner  
Mayor  
City of Auburn**

**Meeting Regional Transportation Need**

**Pam Roach  
Senator  
31st District**

**Ribbon Cutting**

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Completion of the Green River Bridge 83rd Ave. So. (East Valley Highway) is the third in a series of bridges being built or rebuilt which cross the Green River. The Foster Bridge Tukwila (56th Ave. So.) was completed in 1985. The Interurban Bridge at South 115th Street Tukwila was completed in 1989. The Whitney Bridge (218th Ave. S.E.) and the Green River Gorge Bridges at Kanaskat will be completed in 1991. Construction of a new bridge in Flaming Geyser Park started in Spring 1991.

Contracting Agency: KING COUNTY

TIM HILL  
King County Executive

King County Department of Public Works

PAUL TANAKA, Director  
LOUIS J. HAFF, P.E., County Road Engineer  
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GEORGE WANNAMAKER, Design Engineer  
JERRY ADAIR, Construction Engineer  
JOHN LOGAN, Traffic Engineer  
JIM POMEROY, Finance Officer  
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LON PENTON, Supervising Engineer  
PETE RINGEN, Consultant Liaison  
LARRY BISHOP, Materials Engineer  
CARL BECKETT, Project Engineer  
JIM HINKLE, Field Coordinator  
ORVILLE ELLWEIN, Inspector  
WALLACE IP, Bridge Engineer

Donald B. Murphy Contractors, Inc.  
\$4,076,000 Construction Cost

King County  
Tim Hill  
County Executive

King County Council  
Bruce Laing  
Paul Barden  
Kent Pullen  
Audrey Gruger  
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Lois North  
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City of Kent  
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Mayor

Kent City Council  
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Christi Houser  
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## DEDICATION CEREMONY

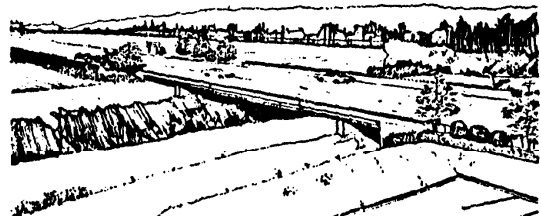
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TUESDAY

JUNE 25, 1991

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THE GREEN RIVER BRIDGE



KENT  
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WASHINGTON